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TURKEY / SCRUBBER SYSTEM WASHING WATER DISCHARGE

There has been a recent announcement issued by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization with no. E-84973951-140.99-698452 dated 06.04.2021 regarding the discharge of scrubber system washing water in Turkish Territorial Waters.

In the aforementioned announcement, it is declared that, based on Article No. 23(b) of the Regulation on Controlling Water Pollution dated 31.12.2004 published in the Official Gazette No. 25687, "Discharge of waste, petrol and petrol derivatives along with bilge water, dirty ballast water, sludge, slop, oil and similar solid and liquid waste, any type of cargo waste originating from ships and any planes which fly over the parts of the seas which are under Turkish sovereignty, is hereby forbidden", it is now also forbidden to discharge any scrubber system washing water in Turkish territorial waters.

Currently therefore, vessels have no alternative but to consume bunkers with max 0.5% Sulphur content during their navigation in Turkish territorial waters.

We would like to herewith attach to this circular the "Official Announcement issued by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization" and its translation for your better understanding.

Enclosures:

- 1) Official announcement issued by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization;
- 2) Translation of the official announcement issued by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization